

*The Christ Church History and Archives committee has been formed to collect, document and preserve the material and social history of the Parish and to encourage participation and involvement of all parishioners.*

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING - THE TRINITY PLACE FOUNDATION OF ALBERTA (TPFA)**

*The Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta (TPFA for short) had its roots in the mid 1970's in response to the growing lack of low cost housing in Calgary especially for seniors. Based on an innovative step by Vancouver's Anglican Cathedral, which involved the exchange of its "air rights," an idea took shape amongst leaders in the downtown Anglican, Roman Catholic and Lutheran denominations. In conjunction with the City of Calgary, a plan was finalized to re-assemble some separate parcels of church owned property together with a piece of adjacent City owned land in order to provide a large enough site to permit the building of a multi-story residence for low income seniors. This building was named Carter Place after David Carter, Dean of Calgary's Anglican Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, and an initiator of this project.*

TPFA was registered under The Societies Act of Alberta in 1974 to manage Carter Place. Subsequently, TPFA became the managers of a further three residential buildings owned by the Province of Alberta.

Over the years, the number of buildings, which Trinity manages has grown to a total of 18 residences containing 1654 units across the City. Sixteen of the properties are owned by the Province of Alberta, one is owned by the City of Calgary and another by TPFA. Financial support comes from rental income, the Province, Alberta Health Services, the City of Calgary, as well as private donations. Rents for residents are charged on a percentage of income.

Ownership of the old St. George's Church in N.E. Calgary was turned over by the Calgary Diocese to TPFA in 2014 as the congregation was unable to be self-supporting, and the building was in need of expensive and non-viable renovations. The church was torn down and the site has been prepared for construction to begin this fall on a facility which will house 120 seniors with a flexible congregational worship space.

Another potential redevelopment project for the future is Parkview Village - an intergenerational facility which would include on one site a mix of all ages – children, single mothers, and older folk

The Calgary community is indebted to the leadership of Christ Church parishioners such as Dean Emeritus Robert Pynn who have been involved since the inception of TPFA, to Susan Mullie the current Board Chair and to other past and present TPFA Board members.

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*Parishioners are invited to contact John Mendham (jhmendham@telus.net) or other committee members, if they would like a longer historical essay on this subject, or if they have oral or tangible records they would like to donate.*



*Picture of Past Board of Directors of Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta*



*Carter Place*



*Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta Logo*



*Carter Place Groundbreaking*

*RECTORS:*

Horne	1913 – 1929	Tatchell	1966 – 1980	Tucker	2005 – 2015
Luxton	1930 – 1933	Curtis	1980 – 1983	Belcher	2015 – 2016
Kemp	1933 – 1944	O’Driscoll	1984 – 1992	Pickett	2016 – Present
Crump	1944 – 1960	Boyles	1992 – 1993		
Dowker	1960 – 1966	Pike	1993 – 2003		